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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) CASE NO. AVU-E-17-01  
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE ) CASE NO. AVU-G-17-01  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES )  
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND )  
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC ) EXHIBIT NO. 17  
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE )  
STATE OF IDAHO ) ELIZABETH M. ANDREWS

FOR AVISTA CORPORATION

(ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS)

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF AVISTA  
CORPORATION DBA AVISTA  
UTILITIES FOR AUTHORITY TO  
INCREASE ITS RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS  
SERVICE IN IDAHO**

**CASE NOS. AVU-E-17-01  
AVU-G-17-01**

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Staff hereby moves the Commission for an Order accepting the Settlement Stipulation filed herewith. See Commission Rules 56, 276 and 274.

1. On June 9, 2017, Avista Corporation filed an Application seeking authority to increase the Company's general rates for electric and natural gas service in Idaho. Avista proposed a two-year rate plan that would increase annual electric billed revenues by \$18.6 million (7.9%) on January 1, 2018, and by \$9.9 million (4.2%) on January 1, 2019, and increase annual natural gas revenues by \$3.5 million (5.7%) on January 1, 2018, and by \$2.1 million (3.3%) on January 1, 2019. The Commission suspended the proposed effective date to January 1, 2018. Order No. 33808.

2. Clearwater Paper, Idaho Conservation League, Idaho Forest Group, the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, and Sierra Club intervened as parties.

3. A settlement conference was noticed and held in the Commission offices on September 29, 2017, and further discussions ensued.

4. Based on settlement discussions, the Parties whose signatures appear on the Stipulation have agreed to resolve and settle all of the issues in the case (hereinafter "Parties"). A copy of the signed Stipulation evidencing that settlement is enclosed as Attachment 1. Sierra Club and the Idaho Conservation League opposed the proposed settlement.

5. The Parties recommend that the Commission grant this Motion and approve the Stipulation in its entirety, without material change or condition, pursuant to RP 274.

6. The Parties respectfully request that the Commission consider the Motion, the Stipulation, and the pre-filed testimony in support of the Stipulation at the time of the technical evidentiary hearing scheduled in this docket for December 8, 2017. A customer hearing could occur at a date and time to be set by the Commission. The Parties request an Order allowing for the implementation of new rates, as per the Stipulation, on January 1, 2018.

7. As noted in the Stipulation, the Parties agree that the Stipulation is in the public interest and that all of its terms and conditions are fair, just and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue orders in Case Nos. AVU-E-17-01 and AVU-G-17-01:

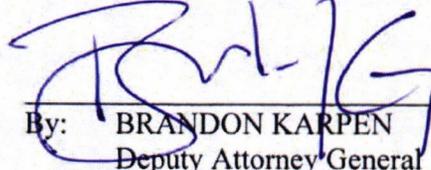
1. Granting this Motion and accepting the Stipulation (Attachment 1), in its entirety, without material change or condition;

2. Authorizing the Company to implement revised tariff schedules designed to recover the additional annual electric and natural gas revenue from Idaho customers consistent with the terms of the Stipulation; and

3. Authorizing that revised tariff schedules be made effective January 1, 2018, consistent with the terms of the Stipulation.

Respectfully submitted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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ATTACHMENT 1